

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

The Quitman County Development Organization was organized and chartered as a not for profit institution in the State of Mississippi on February 16, 1977, for the purpose of furthering economic development in Quitman County, Mississippi and adjacent areas by promoting the social welfare of the distressed and underprivileged, lessening the burdens of government and combating community deterioration.

- A) Providing assistance for individuals, groups and organizations, in planning and executing successful economic development projects;
- B) Combating community deterioration by providing professional counseling of all types, including business planning, technical assistance and training to the disadvantaged and underprivileged individuals and groups in areas of business development and economic development;
- C) Acting as intermediary, where appropriate, between various economic development programs and between organizations and individuals which may be involved in any capacity in economic development;
- D) Assisting in the acquisition of charitable contributions, industrial development projects, new industry in the county and adjacent areas, and assistance capital including seed money, which may be necessary for successful economic development projects;
- E) Examining the efforts of other individuals or groups in order to forge relationships between naturally complimentary economic development projects and discourage unwise competition between similar projects; and
- F) Consistent with the above, exercising all powers available to corporations organized pursuant to the Mississippi Code of 1942.

**WHEREAS**, QCDO was established for the above stated purposes—over its 25 year history, it has touched the lives of countless people within its service area to other parts of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, QCDO has effected changes in the development and management of assets of low income and the underprivileged in our service area by recreating other economic development concerns such as the Quitman Tri-County Federal Credit Union, the QCDO/YOU Child Development Center, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Mississippi Center for Non-Profits, Big River Housing Development Corporation, and others—QCDO has provided technical assistance in the area of community based development to faith based institutions statewide, local concerns and other community non-profit institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, through its work, the QCDO has caused over \$20 million dollars to be invested in the North Mississippi Delta and the State; and

**WHEREAS**, this organization has fostered development in the following areas: Housing, Asset development among low income people, job creation and development, youth entrepreneurship and Youth leadership development, youth educational programs to further their growth and development, day care services, micro-enterprise development, advocacy and organizing around issues of community development, senior employment and volunteer programs and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, QCDO has been led by upstanding and dedicated individuals such as Rev. Carl Brown, Margaret Hopson-Brown, Manual Killebrew and Robert L. Jackson:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 2, 2002, as

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in the County of Quitman and the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, October 23, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
GOVERNOR